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LETTER DATED 18 MAY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to present to you the enclosed letter, dated 14 May 1993, from my President to Your Excellency.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter and its enclosure as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador and Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 14 May 1993 from the President of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

In view of the current debate regarding the potential safety of the United Nations-mandated personnel stationed in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina under circumstances where the arms embargo would be voided with respect to the defence forces of our Republic and/or where more resolute military action would be undertaken to confront the aggressor, we wish to issue to the Security Council, the Secretariat and participating Member States the following request.

We believe that the current mandate of the United Nations forces in our Republic is inadequate. Despite the courage and commitment of those military and relief personnel, the situation continues to deteriorate and shows no promise of resolution without a clear change in the international community's response. The help and relief provided by these personnel is appreciated and has been certainly helpful, but we must be prepared, if necessary, to sacrifice temporary remedies in order to achieve permanent solutions by addressing the cause of our difficult situation.

If any of the more resolute actions now being contemplated by the international community are deemed by those concerned to pose an unacceptable risk to United Nations-mandated personnel and their current mission, then the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina unequivocally asks that such mission/mandate be appropriately modified and that such United Nations-mandated personnel take precautionary measures and, if necessary, withdraw.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIC
President of the Presidency
Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina